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TO RUESBA/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE 3122
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SUBJECT: REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA

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1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT REFUGEE SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE SOME 18,000 FOREIGN REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRY, PRINCIPALLY CHILEANS WITH LESSER NUMBERS OF PARAGUAYANS, URUGUAYANS AND OTHERS.

INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND UNHCR SUGGEST THAT DURING RECENT MONTHS MANY FOREIGN REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OTHERS HAVE DISAPPEARED. REFERRING TO THE REPORTED KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF URUGUAYAN EXILES INCLUDING FORMER SENATOR ZELMAR MICHELINI AND FORMER SPEAKER OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES HECTOR GUTIERREZ BULZ, CONGRESSMAN KOCH IN A RECENT LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT STATED QUOTE IT IS ALLEGED THAT THESE MURDERS INDICATE THAT ELEMENTS WITHIN THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ARE COOPERATING WITH THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS OF CHILE AND URUGUAY TO ELIMINATE TROUBLESOME EXILES UNQUOTE.

3. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE UNHCR, SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, HAS MADE SEVERAL APPROACHES TO THE GOA (THE PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND ARGENTINE AMBASSADORS IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK) ABOUT THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA AND REMINDING THE GOA OF ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A SIGNATORY TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION ON REFUGEES. THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN BUENOS AIRES (MUELLER) HAS ENDEAVORED WITH LITTLE SUCCESS TO EXTEND THE PROTECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNHCR TO THE REFUGEES. THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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P.2 UNHCR/GENEVA (JAEGER) IS PRESENTLY IN ARGENTINA REVIEWING THE SITUATION.

4. BUENOS AIRES SHOULD CONTACT MESSRS. MUELLER AND JAEGER AND REPORT ASAP ON THE REFUGEE SITUATION.

5. FYI: THERE HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR PARCLING FOREIGN REFUGEES FROM ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED STATES. ADDRESSEES VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER
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